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VIRTUAL ETHERNET PORTS WITH AUTOMATED ROUTER PORT EXTENSION

and that I acknowledge my duty to disclose information of which I am aware which is material to the examination of this application, in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, Section 1.56(a).

I hereby claim priority of U.S. Serial No. 60/244,991 filed on November 1, 2000.

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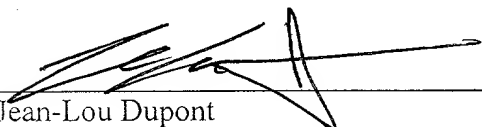
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